

**Preliminary Amendment filed June 8, 2007
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/050,171**

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, 15 and 20-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 are canceled. Claims 8-13, 15 and 20 stand rejected. Claims 21-23 are objected to. Claims 21 and 22 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicant regards as his invention. New claims 24-30 have been added. The applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **November 2, 2006**.

Amendment after Allowance

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Preliminary Amendment are being filed after receipt of a Notice of Allowance was issued in this case. This is being done to further clarify the claim language in independent claims 21 and 22. The scope of the independent claims have not changed. Therefore, the reason for allowance of this case still holds which is earnestly requested.

Further, new claims 24-30 have been added to the specification. These new claims further define terms used in the independent claims and further limit elements recited in the independent claims. No new matter is added to this application.

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Conclusion

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 22 and 23, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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